

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
March 8, 2010

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Susan Harwell  
Councilmember Stan McCormick  
Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal  
Councilmember Jill Souter

Also attending were:

City Manager Ann Benson McGlone  
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy  
City Attorney Mike Brenan  
Communication/IT Manager Marian Ramirez  
Finance Director Cynthia Barr  
Community Development Director Brian Chandler  
Human Resource Manager/Deputy City Secretary Judith E. Surratt  
Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf  
Police Chief Rick Pruitt

Absent was:

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna

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Mayor Louis Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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Item # 1

Mayor Cooper announced the interview process for two citizens that had expressed an interest in serving on a City of Alamo Heights board or commission: Yolanda Gutierrez and Marcia Weser.

City Council asked both applicants questions on their interest and service, qualifications, commitment, and preference of which board or commission to serve. City Council thanked the applicants for their willingness to volunteer.

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Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any corrections to the minutes of the February 22, 2010, City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Stan

McCormick to approve the minutes of February 22, 2010. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jill Souter and passed by unanimous vote.

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*Item # 3      City Manager's Report*

City Manager Ann McGlone informed City Council that the pervious concrete demonstration that occurred on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> was successful and 120 people were in attendance. The PowerPoint presentation made by the Cement Council of Texas and photographs are displayed on the City's website.

**a. Dog Park Update**

Community Development Director Brian Chandler provided City Council with an update of the design workshop that took place on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chandler thanked Larry Clark, landscape architect with Bender Wells Clark Design, who facilitated the design workshop. Mr. Chandler highlighted the feedback that was provided by the participants.

Mayor Cooper stated staff from Lincoln Heights Animal Hospital expressed their appreciation for including their facility in the notification process of the upcoming news of the proposed dog park. Mayor Cooper asked if a location for the Dog Park was discussed. Mr. Chandler responded that the feedback received from the attendees of Saturday's meeting, expressed the ideal site to be the city property located on Alamo Heights Boulevard, south of Normandy.

**b. Update of Regional Hospital Notification System for Critical Cardiac Patients**

Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf provided background information to City Council of the nationally recognized South Texas Regional Advisory Committee (STRAC). The City of Alamo Heights collaborated with STRAC to provide the most efficient coordination for critical cardiac patients in which time is sensitive.

Chief Hagendorf explained the process and protocol that was followed, which included NorthEast Baptist Hospital as the designated hospital for the community. The leadership of the new medical director, Dr. Mark Ogden, has provided guidance and feedback that has enhanced the regional hospital notification system. Chief Hagendorf stated that the results from the recent QA/QI committee review found that 15 patients had met the requirements for 12 lead ECG cardiac monitoring and of those 5 met the regional Heart Alert criteria. Our paramedics were 100% in recognizing the 5 out of 15 patients, all 5 patients were able to return home.

Mayor Pro Tem Susan Harwell shared an example of where the lack of a regional hospital notification system may be at the cost of a life. Mayor Pro Tem Harwell encouraged citizens to call the emergency line, 9-1-1, rather than going directly to the hospital when emergency services are needed.

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Mayor Cooper asked Chief Hagendorf about the ISO rating. Chief Hagendorf confirmed the new ISO rating went into effect March 1<sup>st</sup> and residents will be receiving a letter from the City to remind their insurance agents of the new effective low insurance rates due to the new ISO rating.

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*Citizens To Be Heard Concerning Non-Agenda Items*

Donald Starkweather, 226 Albany, expressed that the Community Development Department should inform the owners and hired contractors of the property located at 120 Redwood of the ordinance that was passed. Mr. Starkweather stated that he has been in communication with Mr. Chandler about the situation and was informed of the legal matter. Mr. Starkweather expressed concern on drainage issues behind his property.

Pal Wenger, 609 Alta Avenue, expressed concern that the information on Alamo Heights Night moving to the University of the Incarnate Word campus that was in the City Newsletter did not articulate all the facts.

Sarah Reveley, 436 Corona Avenue, expressed her disappointment in the surveying of the PCB's found in the CPS Energy transformers. She commented that a PCB contained transformer should be replaced due to the possibility of leakage and an explosion.

Margaret Houston, 140 Patterson Avenue, expressed her appreciation of the constant presence of Police officers particularly during the night shift. She thanked the Police department for their diligence and commitment.

Margaret Spencer, 140 Patterson Avenue, supported the idea of the Alamo Heights Optimist Club in hosting a Fiesta event.

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*Item # 5* Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A LICENSE TO THE ALAMO HEIGHTS OPTIMIST CLUB TO USE A PORTION OF VIESCA STREET AND THE PARKING AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALAMO HEIGHTS SWIMMING POOL FOR THE CELEBRATION KNOWN AS "O'NINE @ NITE"**

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy presented a PowerPoint presentation that included background information for the "O'nine@nite" celebration hosted by the Alamo Heights Optimist Club. Staff sought direction from the City Council.

Mr. Eddy stated that on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Alamo Heights Optimist Club approached the City to conduct a smaller, more family-oriented celebration, "O'nine@nite", on April 16<sup>th</sup> and in the same location on Viesca Street, as previously hosted by the Alamo Heights Rotary Club for the Heights Night event.

The proposed license would approve a single event and the Optimist Club had agreed to the terms that were previously offered to the Rotary Club. This agreement would support charitable events that benefit the community.

The following citizens spoke on this matter:

Margaret Houston, 140 Patterson Avenue, expressed concern about the "O'nine@nite" continuing in a neighborhood, but thanked the Optimist Club for their efforts and community service.

Sarah Reveley, 436 Corona Avenue, also expressed support to the Optimist Club for their efforts and for their contributions to the community.

Rick Shaw, 730 Evans Avenue, commented on the events previously hosted by the Alamo Heights Rotary Club. He stated there was trash left behind that hindered progress for the planning of the King Antonio event. Mr. Shaw expressed support for the Optimist Club in hosting an event but stated the event needs to be well organized, coordinated and follow-up on all tasks, from the beginning and ending of the annual event.

There was discussion among the City Council on the license with the Alamo Heights Optimist Club for the Fiesta event. City Council agreed that additional time is needed to plan a successful event to ensure that all issues are addressed.

Councilmember McCormick stated that Alamo Heights Rotary Club's event outgrew the venue. He noted that the license has not been reviewed by the Alamo Heights Optimist Club.

Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter stated that the license should be considered by the Governance and Communication Committee before moving forward. Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and Councilmember Souter expressed appreciation to the Optimist Club for the service they have provided to the Alamo Heights and San Antonio communities.

Councilmember Souter stated the hour of 11:30 p.m. may be too late as a closing hour for an event in a neighborhood and suggested reconsidering the event's hours. Councilmember Souter believed if this contract did not happen this year, perhaps it may be considered for the next year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Souter for this item to be reviewed by the Governance and Communication Committee and to work with the Alamo Heights Optimist Club. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harwell. Mayor Pro Tem Harwell withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Souter for this item to be considered as a contract for the "0'nine@nite" event by the Governance and Communication Committee for an alternate year. The motion was not seconded and failed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bobby Rosenthal for the proposed license, "0'nine@nite" or another function during Fiesta to be evaluated by the Governance and Communication Committee and make a recommendation to City Council with the understanding that there will not be an event during Fiesta 2010. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jill Souter. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Consent Items

*Item # 6* Mayor Cooper read the following captions.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1858**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 SECTION 6-1; SMOKE  
DETECTORS IN MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DWELLING  
STRUCTURES**

*Item # 7* **Request for permission to refund a duplicate or erroneous property tax payments to the following taxpayers**

Adrian G. & Alejandra Sada	200 Patterson # 206A	\$1,183.47
Don King	235 E. Oakview	\$ 611.54
Chase Home Finance	440 Alamo Heights Blvd	\$1,796.09
William R. & Marie Brunner	205 Hubbard	\$2,353.77
Charles L. & Michelle Rogers	225 Viesca	<u>\$3,485.49</u>
Total		\$9,430.36

A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Rosenthal for Consent Items # 6 and 7. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Souter. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Items for Individual Consideration

*Item # 8* Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CURRENT CHAPTER 5 AND  
ADOPTING A NEW REPLACEMENT CHAPTER 5 ALAMO  
HEIGHTS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Community Development Director Brian Chandler made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information, summary amendments, and a public input process timeline. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Chandler provided an update to the City Council on the communication to the business/commercial property owners.

The following citizens spoke on this matter:

George Geis, business property owner in Alamo Heights, suggested that two Councilmembers, Cappy Lawton, John Joseph, a City staff and himself meet to read the Chapter 5 proposed amendments and upon agreement make and submit changes. Mr. Geis requested additional time for the ordinance and schedule of development fees to be reviewed by business property owners.

Mayor Cooper suggested that additional representatives may need to be involved for thorough coordination. City Manager Ann McGlone suggested that a representative from the Building Advisory Regulatory Committee join the meeting.

Mayor Cooper asked Mr. Geis if there was a designated timeframe to provide feedback to City staff. Mr. Geis responded that within a week, the business property owners could accommodate the meeting and explore availability of the Councilmembers. Mr. Geis commented that the proposed document was unclear and that was the reason he requesting additional time.

Councilmembers Souter and McCormick agreed that City Attorney Mike Brennan would also need to be a meeting attendee. Councilmember Souter recommended Chapter 5 be considered at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting because there has been ample time for review and other residents and business owners have waited for the new amendments.

Mr. Geis stated he will check the availability for Mr. Lawton, Mr. Joseph and will provide a call to Mr. Chandler on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Harwell suggested other residential property owners may attend the prospective meeting in order to obtain all perspectives and input. Mr. Geis agreed and commented that anyone may attend the meeting. Councilmember Souter asked Mr. Geis if he was aware of Glen Huddleston's concerns and if he may be interested in the meeting. Mr. Geis responded that anyone may attend the meeting and he may invite Trebes Sasser.

After a discussion of availability, the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. if the other meeting attendees are available.

*Item # 9* Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A SEPARATE SCHEDULE  
OF DEVELOPMENT FEES**

Community Development Director Brian Chandler presented a PowerPoint presentation along with Item # 8. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Chandler stated that Item # 9 will be considered at the meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> between Councilmembers McCormick, Souter, City Attorney Mike Brennan, City Staff, George Geis, Cappy Lawton, John Joseph and a representative from the Business Advisory Regulatory Committee.


Councilmember Souter asked Mr. Chandler if a meeting may be scheduled to meet with Glen Huddleston regarding the schedule of development fees. Mr. Chandler responded that he is available to meet with Mr. Huddleston.


Councilmember Rosenthal asked Mr. Chandler if during discussion at the meetings, were a chart of old and new fees that were presented to the business owners. Mr. Chandler responded that in all the meetings, changes were presented clearly.

Councilmember Souter recommended that a document that displayed the old and new development fees would be helpful.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember McCormick to adjourn the meeting. A motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harwell and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

  
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Louis Cooper  
Mayor

  
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Jennifer Reyna, TRMC  
City Secretary